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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, MOPS, PK, AF
SUBJECT: SIGNS OF GREATER MILITARY ACTIVITY ON THE PAK SIDE OF THE
PAK-AFGHAN BORDER

1. AS AN INDICATION OF PAKISTANI SENSITIVITIES IN THE
AREA ABUTTING THE AFGHAN BORDER, OUR CONSUL IN PESHAWAR
HAS REPORTED SIGNS OF INCREASED PAKISTANI MILITARY ACTIVITY
IN THE PESHAWAR AREA, STRENGTHENING CERTAIN STRONGPOINTS
ALONG THE FRONTIER AND APPARENTLY BRINGING FORCES DEPLOYED
IN THE BORDER AREA INTO MORE FORWARD POSITIONS. HE REPORTS
NO EVIDENCE THAT FORCES IN PESHAWAR HAVE BEEN REINFORCED
FROM ELSEWHERE IN PAKISTAN. (THIS TENDS TO CONFIRM
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INDICATIONS OUR DAO IS RECEIVING AND REPORTING SEPARETELY;
DAO HAS INDICATIONS, MOREOVER, OF THE MOVEMENT OF SOME ARMOR FROM
KHARIAN TO NOWSHERE.)

2. WE DO NOT HAVE THE SAME TYPE OF INFORMATION WITH
REGARD TO THE BALUCHISTAN FRONTIER AREA WPFY#AFGHANISTAN,
BUT GIVEN THE HIGH LEVEL OF GOP CONCERN WITH ITS SECURITY

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IN THAT AREA, WE ASSUME THE ARMY IS ENGAGED IN THE SAME
READINESS ACTIVITY THERE UNDER COVER OF WHAT THE LOCAL
DIVISION COMMANDER -- IN REMARKS TO ASSISTANT ARMA ON
14 MAY -- TERMED "NORMAL OPERATIONS." A/ARMA WAS TOLD
BY I.G. OF BALUCHISTAN FRONTIER CORPS ON SAME DAY THAT
HIS UNITS HAVE STEPPED UP PATROLLING ALONG THE FRONTIER
SINCE THE KABUL COUP.

3. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THE GOP IS KEEPING ITS COOL,
AS THEY HAVE TOLD US THEY WILL, BUT THAT THE MOVEMENTS--
UNDER COVER OF EXERCISE ACTIVITY -- ARE INTENDED PRUDENTLY
TO IMPROVE THEIR DEFENSE POSTURE IN THE FRONTIER AREAS
AND TO BE NOTED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BORDER AS WELL. HUMMEL

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